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SUBJ: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS: REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS,  
OTHER REFRIGERATING EQUIPMENT AND PARTS THEREOF FROM ITALY

REF: ROME 2473

1. REFRIGERATOR COUNTERVAILING ACTION RECEIVED PROMINENT  
COVERAGE IN TWO ITALIAN ECONOMIC PAPERS MARCH 30, BUT IGNORED  
BY REST OF PRESS. ROME' S / IL FIORINO/ REPORTS MARCH 29 GATT  
ARTICLE XXIII CONSULTATION ON LAW 639, SUGGESTING THAT ROME MEETING  
WAS TIED TO USLMEASURE AGAINST REFRIGERATORS. / IL GLOBO/  
ARTICLE, CONCENTRATING ON RESULTING HARM TO ITALIAN INDUSTRY,  
SUGGESTS THAT SPAIN AND JUGOSLAVIA LIKELY TO BENEFIT IN US  
MARKET. IN SEPARATE BRUSSELS DATELINED ARTICLE BY LINDSAY  
ARMSTRONG, EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH REPORTED TO HAVE STATED  
THAT COMMISSION FOLLOWING MATTER CLOSELY. ARTICLE SUGGESTS  
THAT COMMISSION WILL LIKELY REQUEST THAT US REPEAL COUNTER-  
VAILING DUTY LAW WHICH, ARTICLE ACKNOWLEDGED, PREDATES GATT.  
GUDELACH QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT NORMAL FOR  
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A COUNTRY TO ENFORCE A LAW WHICH IN EFFECT DOES NOT CONFORM  
WITH GATT RULES.

2. MARCH 31 PRESS COVERAGE CONFINED TO THREE ECONOMIC PAPERS.  
/IL FIORINO/ COMMENTS THAT ROME ARTICLE XXIII CONSULTATIONS  
BROKE UP INCONCLUSIVELY, AND THAT US WILL RAISE MATTER WITH GATT  
( SIC) BEFORE ACTUALLY APPLYING COUNTERVAILING DUTY TO ITALIAN  
REFRIGERATORS. /IL GLOBO/ STATES THAT USG THREATENED IN  
ROME DISCUSSIONS TO EXTEND REFRIGERATOR SURTAX TO ALL ITALIAN  
MECHANICAL AND STEEL PRODUCTS IF GOI DOESN' T IMMEDIATELY  
REPEAL LAW 639. /IL SOLE 24 ORE/ CRITICIZES MORE THE TIMING  
OF US REFRIGERATOR ACTION THAN THE MEASURE ITSELF, SUGGESTING  
THAT USG COULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL UPCOMING GATT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS  
TO RAISE THE MATTER. VOLPE

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